

## § 3201.74

### § 3201.74 Thermal shipping containers.

(a) *Definitions.* (1) Insulated containers designed for shipping temperature-sensitive materials.

(2) Thermal shipping containers for which Federal preferred procurement applies are:

(i) *Durable thermal shipping container.* These are thermal shipping containers that are designed to be reused over an extended period of time.

(ii) *Non-durable thermal shipping containers.* These are thermal shipping containers that are designed to be used once.

(b) *Minimum biobased content.* The minimum biobased content for all thermal shipping container products shall be based on the amount of qualifying biobased carbon in the product as a percent of the weight (mass) of the total organic carbon in the finished product. The applicable minimum biobased contents for the Federal preferred procurement products are:

(1) Durable thermal shipping containers—21 percent.

(2) Non-durable thermal shipping containers—82 percent.

(c) *Preference compliance date*—(1) *Durable thermal shipping containers.* Determination of the preference compliance date for durable thermal shipping containers is deferred until USDA identifies two or more manufacturers of biobased durable thermal shipping containers. At that time, USDA will publish a document in the FEDERAL REGISTER announcing that Federal agencies have one year from the date of publication to give procurement preference to biobased durable thermal shipping containers.

(2) *Non-durable thermal shipping containers.* Determination of the preference compliance date for non-durable thermal shipping containers is deferred until USDA identifies two or more manufacturers of biobased non-durable thermal shipping containers. At that time, USDA will publish a document in the FEDERAL REGISTER announcing that Federal agencies have one year from the date of publication to give procurement preference to biobased non-durable thermal shipping containers.

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#### § 3202.1 Purpose and scope.

The purpose of this part is to set forth the terms and conditions for voluntary use of the “USDA Certified Biobased Product” certification mark. This part establishes the criteria that biobased products must meet in order to be eligible to become certified biobased products to which the “USDA Certified Biobased Product” mark can be affixed, the process manufacturers and vendors must use to obtain and maintain USDA certification, and the recordkeeping requirements for manufacturers and vendors who obtain certification. In addition, this part establishes specifications for the correct and incorrect uses of the certification mark, which apply to manufacturers, vendors, and other entities. Finally, this part establishes actions that constitute voluntary labeling program violations.

#### § 3202.2 Definitions.

*Applicable minimum biobased content.* The biobased content at or above the level set by USDA to qualify for use of the certification mark.

*ASTM International (ASTM).* American Society for Testing and Materials is a nonprofit organization that provides an international forum for the development and publication of voluntary consensus standards for materials, products, systems, and services.

*Biobased content.* The amount of biobased carbon in the material or